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Subject: National recognition for More at Four Pre-Kindergarten

The National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) has recently issued its annual report, *The State of Preschool 2009*. For those who have not yet seen it, I want to share the news release from the NC Department of Public Instruction highlighting More at Four for ongoing recognition in this annual report.

North Carolina is one of the top two states nationally for state pre-kindergarten program quality, meeting all 10 quality benchmarks, and is one of the top ten states overall for quality standards, enrollment, funding, and evidence of effectiveness, according to NIEER.

"North Carolina is proud and fortunate to be home to one of the nation's top academic pre-k programs," said State Superintendent June Atkinson. "More at Four serves nearly 32,000 at-risk 4-year-olds each year, giving them the opportunity to make substantial gains across key school readiness indicators, including language and literacy, math, general knowledge and social skills."

Please see the news release and link to the report at: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/newsroom/news/2009-10/20100504-01>

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